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Honor Council Preview

by Casey Jones

This year's MBA Honor Council, headed by four time member and current president Logan Fortner, vice president Frank Bass, secretary Casey Jones, and treasurer George Adams, will continue the long standing tradition of upholding the MBA honor code.

The Honor Code was created in 1945 by Dr. R. I. Sager to set a standard of personal honor and integrity by which the school was to conduct its daily actions. The Code, which states that "no student shall lie, cheat, steal, or deceive," was meant to inculcate a sense of security among the individual student. Under the code, no student should have to worry about having his lunch or work stolen by another student. However, these ideals work only if the student body is willing to accept the Code.

The Honor Council acts as a governing body of the Honor Code by upholding its rules. With eleven representatives from each grade level in the high school and one representative from the eighth grade, the Honor Council represents the student body as a whole in its decisions concerning those who have allegedly violated the bounds of the Code. The Honor Council appeals to the student body to remember the rules of the Honor Code throughout the 1990-1991 school year.

Landscape News

This year the MBA campus is being beautified by approximately 100 new trees, shrubs, and other plants. This new greenery should improve the appearance of the school. The Student Council asks that you help keep the campus



photo by Casey Jones

Two Student Council members relax this summer.

Drop that Bushel!

by James Nash

The Montgomery Bell Academy Fine Arts Club, an organization rapidly leading Nashville toward renaissance, is planning an eventful year of aesthetic excursions. Under the leadership of Cary Brothers, John Dunkerly, Matt Foster, C.B. Harwell, James Nash, Earle Simmons, and Mrs. Christeson, the club, now beginning its second year, hopes to give the MBA community a heaping dose of culture in the traditionally-neglected fine arts of music, drama, and visual art.

The Fine Arts Club plans to recognize fine arts activities within the school through art exhibitions and talent shows, as well as notify students of activities, such as

concerts and plays, which take place in the suburbs of our Hill. In addition, the club hopes to attract guest productions such as the Mama's Boys' performance of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. To fund such activities the club intends to continue the Grateful Bakes and concession sales and is now considering the logistics of doughnut breakfasts before school.

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The Importance of Student Government

by Walter Southwood

In the past years, many students have approached me with questions concerning the MBA student government. Many students wonder what the purpose of the student council is, and if it actually has any influence on school policy. Although in the last few years the student council has only been involved in less visible changes, it has the potential to influence many areas of student life. In order to make a more visible impact on the day-to-day life of the school, we need the support and involvement of the entire student body.

Not all students are able to be directly involved with the council, but every student may and should participate by talking with class representatives and helping when they are asked to participate. It is my goal to make this year the student council's most active and productive year in order to make life at MBA better for you, the student.



photo by Casey Jones

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MBA Community Involvement

by Casey Jones

Throughout the past summer, Micah Bennett, a rising senior, participated in a research project through the National Kidney Foundation and Vanderbilt Hospital. As the sole representative from Montgomery Bell Academy, Micah performed his research experiments at Vanderbilt Medical Center while other outstanding students from around the country simultaneously participated at various national medical centers. Only top notch students were able to be chosen for this prestigious work. As the one of the participants, Micah has a chance to obtain a \$40,000 scholarship. Micah recently took several moments to answer a few questions from *The Bell Ringer* concerning his work.

The Bell Ringer: How did you become interested in this program?

Micah Bennett: I have an interest in math and science in addition to the research/medicine/technology fields.

BR: What did the program entail?

MB: I was assigned to a particular laboratory and professor at Vanderbilt Hospital. The professor told me what to do as an

assistant to his research, which was funded by a grant [from the National Kidney Foundation]. I worked with protein synthesis and kidney cells.

I researched the effect of chemicals and hormones on protein synthesis.

BR: How long did you participate in the program?

MB: I worked the whole summer.

BR: What did you gain from this experience?

MB: I felt that this program was worthwhile. Through it, I learned how research itself operates and what it entails. I found that research is not all that exciting, as no job is. I would, however, recommend the program to those interested.

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FCA Gears Up For This Year

by Taylor Mayes

"...to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, "...to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."

The above statement is the mission of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA is an organization which convenes once a week on Thursday nights. A normal meeting follows the schedule of gathering in the lower parking lot about 6:00 to go to dinner and meeting from 7:00 until 8:00 in the Roberts Room. The content of the meetings will vary from musicians to speakers to simple "huddle" meetings.

The officers of this year's FCA are president Taylor Mayes, Vice-president Big Rich Cummins, Secretary "Chess" Steele, and Treasurer Sambo Bartholomew. We have met together and discussed possible activities, speakers, musicians, and movies and are excited about the upcoming year.

At this time, I would like to announce FCA's sponsorship of Juan Elly Guevara Cajachuan, a needy child for Peru. We obtained this sponsorship through Compassion International and are pleased that we can do our part in helping those less fortunate than we are.

The first FCA function of the year will be a bon-fire on Thursday September 6 to introduce FCA to the students and to get excited for the Big Red's first football game against Beech on Friday September 7.

I have been going to FCA for four years and each year FCA has grown bigger and better. I hope that this growth

A Debate Preview

by Behdad Shahsavari

If this summer's events are any indication, the M.B.A. debate team will be a dominant force during the upcoming 1990-91 season. The team finished strong last year with an eighth round showing at the High School National tournament by Eugene Park and Jonathan Reeve, putting them among the top thirty teams in the nation. In the Lincoln-Douglas division, Rénard François had a high individual finish by reaching the sixth round. These champions, however, were seniors and will not be returning, yet the team is hopeful of a strong showing by the experienced debaters. Returning to the team as seniors will be Will Gray and Babu Paruchuri. Babu was honored by a fellowship by the University of Kentucky denoting him as one of the top ten elite debaters in the nation. Also returning to the team as juniors will be Breen Frazier, Robert Howell, Behdad Shahsavari, and John Wesley. Rising sophmores Suresh Gunasekaran, Patrick Jackson, Sachin Vaikunth, Andrew Varenkamp, and Flagg Youngblood in addition to a host of young freshmen will also be a part of the team.

At the summer workshops, individuals started an early M.B.A. dominance by getting to elimination rounds at every prestigious workshop attended. Behdad Shahsavari reached the oc-

will continue this year with your attendance and participation.

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NEWS & FEATURES

Boys' State - A Lesson in Discipline

by Casey Jones

This year, the annual American Legion Boys' State program celebrated its 51st year. At the competition were the 1990 MBA representatives, Frank Bass and Casey Jones. These two representatives spent the week of May 27-June 2 at Tennessee Technological University learning about the machinery of state government.

During their week long stay at Tennessee Technological University, all the delegates learned the values of discipline and comprehending our nation's governmental system. Through intensive educational and physical training, the delegates learned how to manage their time and act under pressure. To encourage further development, rivalries were begun between the twelve cities to which a boy was assigned. All graded

activities were reflected in personal scores and cumulative "city" scores throughout the program. The city with the overall best marks in all phases of the program was designated the best city.

Since the motto of the Boys' State Program was "Learn by Doing," each delegate had a chance to run for almost every public office held by Tennesseans. Although this year's representatives did not attain the high offices as those from the previous two years, Frank and Casey did manage to garner two respectable offices. Frank was elected County Commissioner while Casey was elected State Representative. I think the overall program was a definite success and did, at least in my case, "inculcate [in me] a sense of duty to the community, state, and nation."



Skipworth salutes Walter Southwood

As the current Student Council president and four time class president, Walter Southwood is a fitting start to this year's Skipworth campaign. In addition to being a student government leader, Walter plays a key role on the varsity basketball and soccer teams.

Skipworth

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PORTRAITURE

1990 - 1991 Senior Members of the Student Council and Honor Council

Student Council

President - Walter Southwood
Vice President - Cabot Hyde
Secretary - Pat "Yip" Harkleroad
Treasurer - Art Holscher

Honor Council

President - Logan Fortner
Vice President - Frank Bass
Secretary - Casey Jones
Treasurer - George Adams



photo by Casey Jones

Frank Bass and Casey Jones, MBA two representatives at Boys' State this summer, wear the two different uniforms which all delegates donned throughout the entire two week program.

...Debate

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Mr. Dennis DeYoung will aid us in achieving victory. Mr. DeYoung comes from Savannah Country Day School where he coached the teams to the elimination rounds at national tournaments and established Savannah Country Day as a power among national competitors. Led by Mr. Tate and Mr. DeYoung, the flood of young new talent backed by many returning experienced debaters should prove a potent mix in the next year, and the team looks forward to living up to the prestigious MBA debate tradition and a year of successful debate on the topic of space exploration.

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Nashville Pitches for Major League Team

Major League Baseball in Nashville is more than just a mirage on the horizon. Word is, Fay Vincent, Commissioner of Baseball, might be making a stop in Music City sometime in April, 1993 to see those Major League Sounds take the field.

Earlier this spring, the National League announced that it would be expanding, adding two new teams to begin play in 1993. At first, frontrunners for winning a new major league franchise seemed to be Buffalo, Denver, and St. Petersburg-Tampa Bay. Since that time, a whole slew of cities have entered the fray, including Nashville (Yes, Nashville!)

The Commissioner's offices set forth seven criteria that must be satisfied for a city to be considered a candidate for a franchise, including: competent leadership, financial backing to cover the estimated \$95 million cost of a new franchise, an adequate major league stadium with natural grass, verifiable fan support, and location of the city.

Leading the efforts in Nashville has been present Sounds managing partner Larry Schmittou, who has enlisted businessmen, fans, and other citizens in the drive to gain a new franchise. A former college baseball coach, Schmittou has shown he knows how to run a baseball franchise over the past decade. From the beginning, he has said he wants this organization to be for the people, and has therefore targeted private citizens. By keeping politics out of Nashville's bid, the Sounds have avoided an obstacle that was one of the biggest problems in the city's bid for a World League of American Football franchise. Denver's hope for a big league baseball team has all but been crushed by lack of leadership.

One of the most prohibitive factors in acquiring a team is the enormous cost. The effort in Phoenix was withdrawn when leaders there found that they could not muster the \$95 million needed for a new franchise. To many, it is difficult to understand this price when an established National

League team, the Montreal Expos, is presently for sale for \$85 million. Schmittou has discounted estimates that a team could cost as much as \$168 million, including startup costs and player salaries. It is unclear whether the \$95 million dollar figure quoted by the Commissioner's office includes players. Given Schmittou's estimates that his group will go before a selection committee in September with close to \$300 million in backing, Nashville clearly has demonstrated financial support.

Plans for a new, 40,000 seat, baseball-only stadium to be

Schmittou has said that these sales will indicate actual seats sold, not just contributions, as the St. Petersburg organization has done. Success is more than making money for Schmittou. He wants people in the stadium, and therefore has limited season tickets to 15,000 seats.

This limit leaves good seats available for those who wish to buy tickets at the gate, and it prevents a large number of empty seats from season ticket holders who do not usually attend every game. With an estimated 4.1 million people within 120 miles of Nashville, a major league team



team play in a moderate climate like Nashville, or an extreme climate like Buffalo or Tampa? We've all seen the Bills play in ankle deep snow and 30 m.p.h. winds. They can hardly find the football, much less a small, white baseball. And who wants baseball in Florida. Even though

fans will soon be out to see, showing that Nashvillians are willing to drive to St. Louis or Cincinnati to see Major League baseball.

There are no baseball teams in the South except for the Atlanta Braves (and do they really count?) Nashville's hopes have been increased by the Montreal Expos, who are for sale. Hopefully, one of the competitors will pursue this route to gaining a major league team, improving Nashville's chances.

Please, let's put away our inferiority complex about Nashville. We live in a big-league city. So get your ball caps and hot dogs, and get ready to, as the song goes, "root, root for the home team, 'cause if they don't win it's a shame!"

(I would like to acknowledge *The Tennessean* and *The Nashville Banner* for general information about the Major League effort in Nashville.)



This field could soon be replaced by a new Major League stadium. photo by Casey Jones

built north of the city in the Whites Creek area have already been made. The triple-decked arena draws from favorable aspects of other major league stadiums, notably Royals stadium in Kansas City, and boasts huge scoreboard in the shape of a guitar neck amid a large fountain. It offers easy access to nearby interstate 24 and 65, which have a view of the natural grass playing field. The \$40 million price tag is relatively modest compared to the \$160 million arena that has been built in St. Petersburg.

To demonstrate adequate fan support, Major League Baseball has asked that each team sell a minimum of 10,000 season tickets. That figure promises to be an easy reach for Nashville, as close to 8,000 of the \$700 a seat season tickets have been sold.

could expect to draw as many as 2.6 million a year. Attendance for the AAA Sounds has been increasing every year, and people are enjoying baseball more and more. Nashville seems to lag behind only Buffalo in fan support, a city which has already passed 1 million in attendance this year for its minor league Bisons.

Probably the most important factor in winning a major league team (money put aside) is location. Clearly the frontrunners at this point are Nashville, Buffalo, and St. Petersburg-Tampa. Washington, D.C. has also been mentioned, but with a team just an hour away in Baltimore, Major League Baseball would rather expand elsewhere, in untapped media markets. Let me ask you this: Would you rather go see a

there is a large population there, Florida is the home of spring training. Anyone for baseball in the 105 degree July heat? We need baseball in Nashville. A survey of local

The opinions expressed in the *The Bell Ringer* do not necessarily reflect those of the staff of *The Bell Ringer*.

A Letter From the Editor

The first issue of volume forty seven of *The Bell Ringer* has finally arrived. Through much hard work and toil throughout the latter half of the summer, this year's staff was able to get the first issue out on time and in relatively good form.

This year's editorial staff, although lacking any returning editors, is an experienced group of writers and is very willing to work hard. I feel that the staff

will be readily accomodating and will provide excellent leadership for this year's paper.

I would also like to thank Mr. Smith for his celerity in response to our requests for upgradings of *The Bell Ringer* facilities.

Well, here it is. The mighty volume forty seven is here. Sit back and relax with this, the first of eight issues of *The Bell Ringer* 1990-1991.

OPINIONS

The Post Cold War Era by Babu Paruchuri

As Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev shook hands with NATO leaders, squashed hardliners at the Soviet National Party Congress, accelerated efforts for perestroika, and symbolically cooperated with the United States in condemnation of the hostile Iraqis, the ice of the cold war continued to melt and to evaporate. The post-Cold War era brings with it not only greater hopes for peace but also new economic and military threats from all over the world. Bipolarity has now been replaced by increasing global competitiveness in the realm of the economy and military.

The disadvantages to the post-Cold War era lie in the future difficulty that the superpowers and other nations will have in dealing with increased military threat of numerous developed and underdeveloped countries and with the pressure to compete economically with Europe and Japan. In the Cold War, the superpowers were often willing to stop regional conflicts which involved their client states because neither side wished that they themselves be forced to intervene

at the expense of risking nuclear escalation. The superpowers no longer exercise this level of authority over client states because the superpowers are no longer in true conflict. With a less bipolar world, third world nuclear proliferation rises as a threat to global security.

Many lesser-developed countries now see a window of opportunity for greater nuclear authority as the superpowers continue to relax their hold on client states and reduce their arms and militaristic actions. The post-Cold War era has compelled the superpowers to be less militaristic while at the same time, it has encouraged opportunism by the third world. Countries, such as Israel, India, Pakistan, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Iran, Taiwan, and South Korea, have now begun to develop nuclear technology. In the future, with the lines of superpower political alignment blurred, more countries will undertake terroristic activities to accomplish their objectives.

Regional conflicts will become much more likely as rival countries will no longer fear superpower intervention

in their conflicts. This idea has been recognized and was (perhaps) adopted by Saddam Hussein of Iraq who currently holds Kuwait because of his belief in the ambivalence of the superpowers to take action. The increase in low-intensity conflicts carries with it the persistent risk of nuclear escalation by an interested superpower or other country.

Localized conflicts may reinstate a Cold War mentality forcing superpowers to protect vested interests. The Soviets could hardly afford a long term conflict, and U.S. military intervention would only aggravate an already sluggish U.S. economy. The military ramifications of reduced U.S.-Soviet tensions are obviously great; however, the threats of Europe (Germany, in particular) and Japan to U.S. economic competitiveness may prove to be a larger threat. With the collapse of communism in Western Europe, East Germany, was able to free itself of Soviet authority and the unification of Germany is now imminent.

The economic threat from all Europe or even the combination of technological superiority and manpower of Germany is hard to comprehend. In the past, West Germany relied on the U.S. for its military protection; however, now there is no Soviet military threat, and Germany no longer feels compelled to offer overly favorable trade policy to the U.S. The formation of the European Economic Community in 1992 will undoubtedly hurt the U.S. trade deficit and its economic competitiveness in foreign markets. In addition to the industrial threat of Europe, Japan will continue to develop its own economy through greater technological efficiency and technological advances. The economic global tripolarity between the U.S., Europe, and Japan promises to be a crucial test of the relative economic strength of each region. With the end of the Cold War one must not forget the problems of the Soviet Union. With a majority of the Soviet satellites now relinquished, Gorbachev now finds himself under pressure by conservatives to prove that perestroika will work. Unfortunately, if he fails to revive an economy burdened by a staggering deficit and a complete lack of economic productivity, he may be overthrown by conservative hardliners who will be more militaristic and less amiable to the West.

dictatorships to uphold their interests. Many countries will now have the chance to govern their own societies and the way it develops in a more democratic manner.

Thus, the traditional "us against them" ideology is no longer a completely viable belief. Old threats have fallen only to be replaced by new ones. Future international relations must be developed with a realization that the U.S. is now a "player" not the "referee."

Commentary

by Luke Davis

This summer "the resolution" to eighth period problems was announced. Under the new plan, school starts at 7:50 a.m. a time when many students formerly arose from sleep.

These ten minutes will combine with another 5 minutes butchered off 1st period and with the old 20 minute break/assembly period to create a monster 35 minute Activities Period. Additional changes manifest themselves in changing the placement of each student's two study halls and in the appearance of four eight week marking periods instead of six six-week marking periods.

I applaud the reorganization of study halls. This year the study hall that everyone formerly had eighth period will be moved to another period during the day. Let's face it, no one can find the motivation to do homework in eighth period. Though it may be painful to have class at 2:10, everyone will benefit through less homework and more free time at night. The eight week grading period will put less pressure on students to complete projects at the end of a short marking period. The early start and the activity period setup are inadequate solutions which come at the expense of students. Any suggestions on improvements should be directed to the Student Council.

"Summer"

**Barr's Blasphemy**

by Keith Ikard

Earlier this summer, Roseanne Barr was asked to sing our National Anthem at a San Diego Padres baseball game.

She showed up to perform, but she did not exactly sing the anthem. She very unhumorously squeaked and whined through the song which is very sacred to all patriots of the United States. She then proceeded to grab her crotch and spit on the ground to the chagrin of the thousands of boozing fans at the game.

Personally, I was embarrassed at the fact that anyone in our free nation would use his or her freedom of speech to degrade the "The Star Spangled Banner" which represents the strength of our

ancestors as they gained independence and kept the flag waving in victory. I do not believe that any person from any other peaceful nation would degrade his country's soul in such a fashion.

It was truly embarrassing to think that if any foreigners witnessed Ms. Barr's travesty, they might consider that Americans take their freedom for granted. I hope that all of us at MBA can learn a lesson from Ms. Barr's mistake. Maybe we can all sing our National Anthem a little prouder after we realize the greatness of our country that it symbolizes, or maybe we can sing it better when Roseanne is banned from television and sent back to Russia.

ENTERTAINMENT

Joy Division

'Evolution' by Eric Greenwood

"hoping for something more... directions, so plain to see
A loaded gun won't set you free/ So you say" - Ian Curtis

May 18, 1990 marked the tenth anniversary of the death of Ian Curtis, the vocalist for one of the most influential gothic bands, Joy Division. Curtis committed suicide on the eve of what would have been Joy Division's first American tour. The band began in the mid/late seventies under the name Warsaw with Ian Curtis, vocals, guitar; Bernard Sumner, guitar; Peter Hook, bass; and Stephen Morris, drums. They changed their name to Joy Division found in a lurid paperback novel. The music of Joy Division encompassed the intensely bitter vocals of Curtis, simplistic yet painful guitars, pounding bass lines, and hollow, distant drums. Curtis inhabited a world of isolation which can be seen in his desolate lyrics. After hearing one of Joy Division's dark and depressing albums, there is no doubt that Curtis was close to the end. And after months of wallowing in acute depression, Curtis hanged himself and was found dead in his Manchester, England home on Sunday May 18, 1980 just hours before the plane the next day to America.

His death devastated the

other band members as well as the fans. Curtis literally lived his lyrics, and his mysterious death draws much curiosity from his cult worshippers. Joy Division's 1979 album, *Unknown Pleasures*, displays Curtis' bleak outlook and the many paradoxes of life.

Joy Division's last album, 1980's *Closer*, which displays all the gloom and intensity of the band, is even more funereal than the first. In 1988, a compilation album of pre-Joy Division songs and rare classics were put together on an album entitled *Substance*. For the tenth anniversary of the death of Ian Curtis, the impact album *Still* was released. The album contains studio out-takes and live music recorded just months before Curtis' death. Also on the album is a live version of the Velvet Underground classic "Sister Ray" as well as the group's classic "Ceremony."

The home video import, entitled "Here are the Young Men," was also re-released. It was taped at various clubs in late 1979 and early 1980. Also included at the end is a video promo for the ultimate Joy Division song "Love Will Tear Us Apart."

The three remaining mem-

Beat the Odds!

The SAT's statistics show that seniors, on average, go up about 40 total points on their repeat SAT (and 1/3 don't go up or even drop). "Only about 1 student in 20 gains as much as 100 points," they recently reported.

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Concert Review

by Casey Jones

Recently, Eric Clapton, one of the greatest guitarists ever, came to Nashville, Tennessee and Starwood Amphitheatre. He came to perform with his new band, and perform he did. With a crowd of approximately 17,000 cheering fans supporting him, Clapton proceeded to play most of his widely known songs. Many people stayed on their feet the entire two and half hours of the concert.

Having fought drug dependency for a number of years, Clapton is presently touring the country to promote his "new" album(s) *Crossroads*.

Several days ago, Eric Clapton, his band members, security chief, and promoter boarded four helicopters after a concert at a Wisconsin ski resort. One of the four helicopters crashed killing Eric Clapton's promoter and several crew members, in addition to Stevie Ray Vaughn. Fortunately, Clapton was not on the downed

a bit darker than New Order and a little more guitar heavy. Songs such as "Pineapple-face" and "Surf Nazis" do show a resemblance, but they have a distinct sound of their own as well.

Recently, New Order got back together to record a single for the English World Cup soccer team called "World in Motion." This should keep fans happy until the next New Order album which is scheduled to begin recording in September and should be out early next year.

Quote of the Month

"Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one."

- A.J. Liebling

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SPORTS

**Big Red Ready
to Roll**

by Bo Bartholomew and Jackson Wray

During the first two months of the summer, MBA players were responsible for getting themselves prepared for the grueling August heat of two-a-days. To the team's delight, this grueling heat turned out to be a mere 85 degrees. Although the weather was favorable, injuries plagued the team early in practice. Shad Weaver missed first week because of stiches in his foot, and Richard Cummins sustained an ankle injury during the first few plays of the Lipscomb scrimmage. Despite a disappointing overall performance, the Big Red had a very promising first half of play.

Then, following another week of intense concentration and heat, the Big Red met the Antioch Bears, who had defeated them last year. This time, however, De Thompson's step was a little quicker and his arm a little stronger, thus putting the MBA so far ahead that the second half was designated scrub time.

The Big Red's offensive line, bigger and better than last year's line, did surprisingly well making the holes for the likes of Robert Echols, Tiger Harris, and Chris Vlahos. On the other side of the ball, the defense was equally as impressive as the offense. The water tight secondary was lead by right cornerback David Mason, and when the opposition dared to run, Brian Bleaker, Tate McDaniel, Adin Lara, and Chris Vlahos on the interior line as well as Robert Echols and Michael Brooks at backers were all there to punish the hapless ball carriers. The kicking duties were again handled by the man with golden toe, Pat Harkleroad. Already with two 60-some-odd-yard punts, "Yip" looked as good as ever.

After a 14-7 victory over Lipscomb and 34-8 defeat of Antioch, MBA heads into the season with their shoulders square, their butts low, and their eyes toward the clinic bowl.



photo by Casey Jones

Poe's Sporting Goods**Go Big Red!**Westgate Shopping Center
Highway 100**Raquets and Sticks**

by Mark Bittles and Jeff Lundstrum

Tennis was in full swing this summer for the MBA tennis team. Several members of the team have been competing in tournaments around the South in order to achieve high State and Southern rankings. Morgan Parker kicked off the season by winning the State Qualifying and therefore qualifying himself for the Southern Closed. Mark Bittle and Andy Stoll were also busy, winning the Sequoia Invitational and City Closed, respectively. Sophomore Samuel Smaldone has been working hard all summer in order to improve his place on the MBA ladder, compiling wins over both Andy Stoll and David Fitzgerald. There will be tough competition

this fall for the top five positions resulting in a strong starting team.



photo by Casey Jones

Mark Bittles and Morgan Parker at play in the mens open division of a local tournament.

1990 Varsity Football Schedule**Date**

- * 8/31
- * 9/7
- 9/14
- * 9/21
- * 9/28
- 10/5
- 10/12
- 10/19
- * 10/26
- * 11/2

Opposition

- | | |
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| Beech | |
| Pearl-Cohn | X |
| Hendersonville | |
| Warren Central | |
| Hunters Lane | |
| Ryan | X |
| Whites Creek | X |
| Overton | X |
| Hillsboro | X |
| Hillwood | X |

X = District game

* = Home game (All home games begin at 7:30 P.M.)

**Lacrosse-
(Sticks)**

This spring was the first season that MBA fielded a lacrosse team. The season came to a close with MBA winning the 1990 state championship. Lacrosse at MBA did not stop there, however. It spilled over into the summer. Coach John Baer organized summer lacrosse league open to people of any age who wanted to play the game.

Unfortunately, coach Baer had to deal with a lack of field space and was forced to create a scaled down version of a lacrosse field. The field used

was the microbe football field in front of the school. Along with the smaller field came a few changes in the rules and style of play. For example, there are only 12 players on the field at a time; six players for each team compared to the normal ten players on each team. Another change in the rules was the fact that there was only one face-off at the beginning of the game and at the half, not after every goal. Instead, after each goal had been scored behind the opponents net, play was continued immediately.

These changes in the rules resulted in a different style of play. The summer type of play was much faster and quicker than the usual style. Thus, this new breed of Lacrosse made for a fast-paced and exciting first year of the Summer Lacrosse League. Our thanks to coach John Baer and MBA.

**Good luck to
the 1990 Cross
Country team
throughout the
year!**

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SPORTS

Varsity Golf Preview

by

Jason Ritchason

The Big Red golf team is getting fired up for a very successful season. This year's linksters will include 5 returning lettermen consisting of three team leading seniors Charles Israel, James Nash, and Jason Ritchason; one junior, Drew Patterson; and one sophomore, D.J. Salinas. This golf team has very high hopes of accomplishing post regular season play with so many returning lettermen.

This year, the home course will still be McCabe, but some other courses which have not regularly been played for matches will be used. Harpeth Hills Golf Course will be utilized against Lipscomb, while the challenging Percy Warner Golf Course at the end of

Belle Meade Boulevard will also be used this season.

There is an aura of excitement as the golfers prepare for their opening debut, which is against Hillwood on Thursday August 30. Coach Caldwell believes that if all goes normally, this team will have an excellent chance of making their way to the District crown and Regional championship. If these events take place, the team will advance to the big one, The TSSAA State High School Golf Tournament.

A Campin' and a Runnin'

by George Reitz

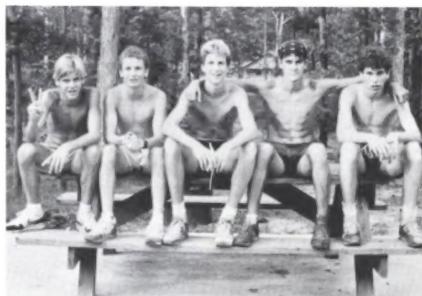


photo by Casey Jones

At noon on August 20, fourteen MBA runners and their gear converged on two vans in the parking lot. For many this trip to Natchez Trace State Park would begin serious training for November's State Meet. Traditionally, cross country camp consists of grueling two-a-day runs, plus volleyball, swimming, and various run-ins with local authorities.

Friendly contact with park management was initiated by a battle which covered the vans in peanut butter and burst water balloons within five minutes of our arrival in the Inn's parking lot. The battle continued as upperclassmen and underclassmen settled in separate cabins and proceeded to fill hundreds of other water balloons. Despite the valiant efforts of sophomores John Crosslin and Glen Gaston, the upperclassmen triumphed with superior tactics (stealing water balloons), and the battle ended. The same afternoon saw the first five mile run, an uphill battle with mid-90 degree heat.

The next morning, Coach Pruitt's demented door banging awakened athletes for another run. Matt Zibas

distinguished himself by running all the way to I-40 (about nine miles away), where two park rangers graciously picked him up and returned him to a local store near the cabins. Others dashed madly for showers, breakfast, and more sleep.

The trip was highlighted by a visit to Lexington, Tennessee where local headliners (*The Jackson Sun*) read "Summer Heat Harms Pigs." This thriving metropolis is home to the South's finest cruising machines, including a low-rider Impala coupe and a green Nova with heart shaped hubcaps. During their visit, runners stocked up on fast food, more water balloons and other vital necessities. Nightfall brought night volleyball and Glen Gaston's ambush and mummifying with duct tape.

After several more runs, one of which went through many marshes, thornes, and sink holes, and a talk with a park ranger about jumping off walking bridges which were a grand total of about seven feet off the surface of a very serene but dirty lake, the team met Dr. Drake on Thursday morning to head back to school with many memories and in fine running shape.

Cross Country Readies Itself For Strong Season

by Justin Crosslin

The 1990 Varsity Cross Country team promises to be outstanding this year. Not only does MBA have chance to win its tenth straight Region IV title, but with hard work, the Big Red has a tremendous opportunity to steal the state title from last year's champs Dobyns-Bennett from Kingsport, Tennessee.

summer; some have even been competing in the AAU summer track program. On August 20-24, the Big Red squad will travel to Natchez Trace State Park for the annual cross country camp. The camp will test the conditioning of the runners with vigorous running twice a day. The team was not able to go to Montgomery Bell State Park because the park did not have a pool for the famous water volleyball competition which annually occurs at camp.

Having lost only one senior from the top seven, the team boasts much experience.

The harriers are lead by co-captains Casey Jones and Keith Ikard. Newcomers Roy Alley and Josh Dike along with Justin and John Crosslin, Glen Gaston, and Matt Zibas will be notable contenders for the top seven spots. Other certain contenders for the top seven will be Scott Hande, Alex Rogers, and George Rietz, who was injured during last year's season.

Most of the top ten hopefuls have been training hard all

The team's plan to win the state, which was initiated last August, will be continued August 8 when the Big Red harriers begin formal practice. It will end with the State meet on November 3. Most meets will be held at the Steeplechase on Saturdays and at the SEC Course on weekdays. Check the glass doors for times. Come out and support the Big Red this year in their quest for the State title!

Varsity Cross Country Schedule

| Date | Place | Meet |
|----------|---------------|------------------|
| Sept. 4 | Steeplechase | T.M. Drake |
| Sept. 11 | SEC | District Meet |
| Sept. 15 | Steeplechase | Tenn. Classic |
| Sept. 18 | SEC | District |
| Sept. 22 | Steeplechase | AF Bridges |
| Sept. 25 | SEC | District |
| Sept. 29 | Lexington, KY | Lexington |
| Oct. 2 | SEC | District |
| Oct. 6 | Oak Ridge | Oak Ridge Inv. |
| Oct. 9 | SEC | District |
| Oct. 18 | Steeplechase | District Champs. |
| Oct. 25 | Steeplechase | Region Champs |
| Nov. 3 | Steeplechase | State Champs |

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Good Luck to the 1990 football team throughout the entire season!!
- from a friend

Yo, Coach Pruitt!!

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